



Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on Safety



MACS-2 is currently engaged in combat operations throughout Afghanistan and is supporting operations and exercises here in the United States and around the world. Combat operations are inherently dangerous; however, the ever-present dangers of the enemy and a high operational tempo do not preclude leaders of Marines from focusing on operational risk management and safety. A careless and preventable accident can be as damaging as the actions of a determined enemy.

Leaders have an inherent responsibility to take care of the Marines and Sailors under their charge, and every Marine or Sailor, regardless of rank, has the responsibility of taking care of their fellow brothers and sisters in arms. MACS-2 will take a common sense approach to every operation and evaluate every action, however routine, with an eye toward risk management and safety.

Marines will use both the formal and informal processes of operational risk management.

Bottom line: Think before you act!

Nothing is so time critical that the consequences of our actions cannot be thought through. Risk will be minimized where practical, and it is incumbent upon leaders to supervise operations, ensuring that a requisite level of risk mitigation is applied to all we do.

MACS-2's safety program will be in accordance with the Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Safety and Ground Safety (NAVOSH) programs. Operational Risk Management will be used to evaluate and provide mitigation to identified risks. MACS-2 Marines, Sailors, and Civilians will do all they can to lessen risk and maximize safety.

When the movement of large equipment is required, leaders will ensure an individual supervises the movement. This individual is often referred to as a "white coat." A white coat will be an individual who is not involved in the planning or execution of the movement, whose sole purpose is to monitor safety during the movement. Detachment Commanders and the section OIC's will ensure direct supervision of heavy equipment loading and unloading, and major vehicular movement with a white coat.

Marines can anonymously raise safety concerns through the Squadron's Any Mouse program; however the chain of command is available for all safety related concerns. Safety is a command responsibility, but it is also a Marine responsibility.

Marines- use your common sense and stay safe!

Semper Fidelis!


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